
Local Government Committee

HB 1852

Brief Description: Revising the lien for collection of sewer charges by counties.

Sponsors: Representatives Kelley, McCune, Ladenburg, Kirby and Green.

Brief Summary of Bill

- Authorizes a county that operates a sewer and/or water system to impose a sewerage lien for up to six months without recording with the county auditor and authorizes the concurrent termination of water service.
- Authorizes a county that operates a sewer and/or water system to impose a sewerage lien for up to one year by resolution or ordinance without recording with the county auditor.

Hearing Date: 1/27/12

Staff: Ann Koepke (786-7291) and Ethan Moreno (786-7386).

Background:

All counties operating a water or sewer system are required to have a lien on the applicable property for delinquent charges. The lien is for all charges, interest, and penalties and attaches to the premises to which the services were provided. Cities and towns have the authority to impose a lien for up to six months without recording with the county auditor and may also concurrently terminate water service to the applicable property.

Summary of Bill:

A county that operates a sewer and/or water system may impose a sewerage lien for up to six months without recording with the county auditor and may concurrently terminate water service to the applicable property. A sewerage lien may be imposed by the county for up to one year by resolution or ordinance without recording with the county auditor.

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Appropriation: None.

Fiscal Note: Not requested.

Effective Date: The bill takes effect 90 days after adjournment of the session in which the bill is passed.